

**Amendments to the Claims**

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)            A semiconductor device ~~(10)~~ comprising a plurality of layers; the semiconductor device ~~(10)~~ comprising:
  - a substrate ~~(20)~~ having a first major surface,
  - an inductive element ~~(11)~~ fabricated on the first major surface of the substrate ~~(20)~~, the inductive element ~~(11)~~ comprising at least one conductive line,
  - a plurality of tilling structures in at least one layer,wherein the plurality of tilling structures are electrically connected together and arranged in a geometrical pattern ~~(14)~~ so as to substantially inhibit an inducement of an image current in the tilling structures by a current in the inductive element ~~(11)~~.
2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)            A semiconductor device ~~(10)~~ according to claim 1, the tilling structures being made from tilling structure material, wherein the plurality of tilling structures are arranged in a pattern so that the amount of tilling structure material in an area closer to the inductive element ~~(11)~~ is smaller than the amount of tilling structure material in an area farther away from the inductive element ~~(11)~~.
3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)            A semiconductor device ~~(10)~~ according to claim 1, wherein the tilling structures are located at different layers, tilling structures at each layer being arranged in a geometrical pattern ~~(14)~~ so as to substantially inhibit an inducement of an image current in the tilling structures by a current in the inductive element ~~(11)~~.
4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)            A semiconductor device ~~(10)~~ according to claim 3, wherein the geometrical pattern ~~(14)~~ of tilling structures at two different layers is different in shape and/or orientation.
5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)            A semiconductor device ~~(10)~~ according to claim 3, wherein the tilling structures at different layers are electrically connected ~~(13)~~ to each other.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A semiconductor device ~~(10)~~ according to claim 1, wherein the tilling structures are connected to a DC potential.
7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A semiconductor device ~~(10)~~ according to claim 1, wherein the tilling structures are a plurality of slender elongate elements ~~(12)~~.
8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A semiconductor device ~~(10)~~ according to claim 1, wherein the tilling structures are a plurality of substantially triangular elements ~~(71)~~.
9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A semiconductor device ~~(10)~~ according to claim 7, wherein the elements ~~(31)~~ of the tilling structures are locally oriented perpendicular to the at least one conductive line of the inductive element ~~(11)~~.
10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A semiconductor device ~~(10)~~ according to claim 8, wherein the elements ~~(31)~~ of the tilling structures are locally oriented perpendicular to the at least one conductive line of the inductive element ~~(11)~~.
11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A semiconductor device ~~(10)~~ according to claim 1, furthermore comprising a ground shield ~~(22)~~ for shielding the inductive element ~~(11)~~ from a further layer.
12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A semiconductor device ~~(10)~~ according to claim 11, wherein the further layer is the substrate ~~(20)~~.
13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A semiconductor device ~~(10)~~ according to claim 10, furthermore comprising connection means ~~(21)~~ electrically connecting the plurality of tilling structures with the ground shield ~~(22)~~ without creating a conductive loop.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A semiconductor device ~~(10)~~ according to claim 1, wherein the tilling structures are formed in a region other than a region directly below the inductive element ~~(11)~~.
15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A semiconductor device ~~(10)~~ according to claim 1, furthermore provided with a further passive element.
16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A semiconductor device ~~(10)~~ according to claim 15, wherein the further passive element is a capacitive element ~~(100)~~.
17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A semiconductor device ~~(10)~~ according to claim 16, wherein the capacitive element ~~(100)~~ comprises two capacitor electrodes ~~(101, 102)~~, at least one of the capacitor electrodes being formed by a plurality of tilling structures.
18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A semiconductor device ~~(10)~~ according to claim 17, wherein a capacitor electrode formed by a plurality of tilling structures leads to a metal or polysilicon or active region density in the inductor vicinity respecting the design rules of advanced IC technologies.
19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A semiconductor device ~~(10)~~ according to claim 17, wherein one capacitor electrode of the capacitive element ~~(100)~~ is formed by the ground shield ~~(111)~~.
20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A semiconductor device ~~(10)~~ according to claim 15, wherein the integration of the capacitive element ~~(100)~~ with the inductive element ~~(11)~~ is optimized to respect the metal pattern density in advanced silicon technologies.
21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A semiconductor device ~~(10)~~ according to claim 15, wherein the distance between the capacitive element ~~(100)~~ and the inductive element ~~(11)~~ is large enough to avoid a dominant fringe coupling between them.

22. (ORIGINAL)      A method for providing an inductive element in a semiconductor device comprising a plurality of layers, the method comprising:

- providing a substrate having a first major surface,
- forming an inductive element above the first major surface of the substrate, the inductive element comprising at least one conductive line,
- providing a plurality of tiling structures in at least one layer,

wherein the plurality of tiling structures are electrically connected together and are arranged in a geometrical pattern so as to substantially inhibit an inducement of an image current in the tiling structures by a current in the inductive element.